



# Press Advisory

**Congressman John Conyers, Jr.  
Michigan, 14<sup>th</sup> District**



**Ranking Member, U.S. House Judiciary Committee  
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## **CONYERS HOSTS BRIEFING ON ALLEGED FBI MISCONDUCT IN PUERTO RICO**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 10 a.m., Rep. John Conyers, Jr. and other Members will host a briefing concerning alleged FBI abuses in Puerto Rico.

Recent press reports, such as the Associated Press' reporting on February 11, 2006, suggest that the FBI may have acted excessively and unreasonably during its recent investigations involving the pro-independence, Boricua Popular Army. More specifically, controversy surrounds the FBI's attempted arrest of Boricua Popular Army leader, Filiberto Ojeda Ríos, on September 23, 2005, which resulted in the death of Ojeda Ríos, and its execution of search warrants in its investigation of the Boricua Popular Army on February 10, 2006, during which members of the press and public were sprayed with pepper spray.

The purpose of this Congressional briefing is threefold: (1) First, to examine the historical presence of the FBI in Puerto Rico; (2) Second, to better assess if the FBI's conduct on September 23, 2005, and February 10, 2006, was reasonable and warranted; (3) And third, to determine how Puerto Rico and Federal law enforcement can work together in the future to ensure law and order in Puerto Rico.

**WHO:** Reps. John Conyers, Jr, Charles B. Rangel, Luis V. Gutiérrez, and Nydia M. Velázquez

### **PANELISTS:**

Mr. Eduardo Bhatia, Esq., Executive Director, Puerto Rico Federal Affairs  
Professor Ramon Bosque-Perez, Center for Puerto Rican Studies, Hunter College  
Mr. Normando Valentín, Anchorman, Channel 4 News Hour  
Mr. Oscar Serrano, President, Puerto Rico Journalists Association  
Mr. Julio Fontanet, Esq., President, Puerto Rico Bar Association  
Honorable Pedro Toledo, Puerto Rico Chief of Police  
Honorable Roberto José Sánchez Ramos, Puerto Rico Attorney General

**WHAT:** Briefing on Alleged FBI Abuses in Puerto Rico

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 28th, at 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** 2237 Rayburn House Office Building

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